

Councillor Reports January 2023

Cllr. Tracy Reardon (Mayor)

What a year!

So, I've been the town Mayor for a year tomorrow, still strange but true and it has flown by. I hope I've made a difference in our town which is why I accepted the post. I have tried to interact with many of the local groups in my ward but I'm sure I haven't covered them all so if I haven't got to you yet I can only apologise and hopefully we'll cross paths soon.

It takes a lot of time to be an active Mayor and lots of it is behind the scenes, the photos of me in prestigious places and meeting important people are about promoting East Cowes and whilst being hugely interesting and of course a privilege to attend I hope I have represented you all well.

I have enjoyed it immensely and have learnt a lot from the different people that I have interacted with, it has taken me out of my comfort zone, been inspiring and educational and to be quite honest rather scary at times but surprisingly it has still left me wanting to do more!

I've started projects I want to finish. I've put my all into being available and on the front line and I hope that I've made a difference to our community.

I have started and been part of projects that I hope will benefit our town for years to come, as well as celebrating our history, heritage and all our country's crowning glory.

Having spent a year doing this job without much training I'd say it's been enlightening, finding out how a town council works and seeing all the juggling it takes to provide the many different services we offer has been a real learning curve.

I would like to thank you all for supporting me in the role and I hope that I have helped shine a light on our wonderful town, if you think I could be doing some things better please do let me know and I'll try to oblige while I'm still in the seat.